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THE STATE ANNOUNCES \$54.9 MILLION IN GRANTS TO HELP HOMELESS MENTALLY ILL

Sacramento--The Director of the Department of Mental Health today announced grants totaling \$54.9 million annually over three years to support programs in 24 counties and two cities for adults with serious mental illnesses who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, or at imminent risk of being incarcerated. The grants will continue pilot projects that began last year when Governor Davis provided \$10 million in his FY 1999-2000 Budget and signed legislation for homeless mentally ill programs.

“These funds will allow us to carry out our commitment to providing the kinds of comprehensive services that these individuals need to get their lives back on track,” said Stephen W. Mayberg, Ph.D., Director of the Department of Mental Health. “The early program results proved that persons with mental illness and who are homeless can be helped by providing services that reduce the symptoms that impair their abilities to work, live independently, participate in their families, remain healthy and avoid crime.”

A total of 26 public agencies representing rural and urban communities will receive grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$18 million for the second and third year. These grants will allow public agencies to serve approximately 4,700 homeless mentally ill people in California this fiscal year. The three pilot counties (Los Angeles, Sacramento and Stanislaus) will continue operating with additional funding.

Governor Davis signed **AB 2034 by Assemblyman Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento)** in September 2000, which expanded the successful community mental health outreach program established during the previous year’s legislative session. AB 2034 specifically addresses the needs of young adults under age 25 and families living with severely mentally ill adults. All counties and cities with independent public mental health programs were eligible to apply.

The grants will be funded over a three-year period beginning this fiscal year. Public agencies will receive \$45.7 million in FY 2000-2001 prorated over eight and a half months rather than a full year. The remaining \$9.1 million will be provided to other counties as one-time grants to implement homeless outreach programs or for one-time expenditures.

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**GRANT AWARDS TO PUBLIC AGENCIES FOR INTEGRATED SERVICES PROGRAMS
FOR HOMELESS MENTALLY ILL**

County	Clients Targeted	Annualized Funding Level
1. BERKELEY CITY*	100	\$1,000,000
2. BUTTE	50	750,000
3. EL DORADO	50	800,000
4. FRESNO	150	2,000,000
5. KERN	150	1,350,000
6. LOS ANGELES	1,600	18,255,000
7. MADERA	50	650,000
8. MARIN	100	1,500,000
9. ORANGE	100	1,200,000
10. PLACER	150	850,000
11. RIVERSIDE	200	1,750,000
12. SACRAMENTO	300	5,200,000
13. SAN BERNARDINO	150	1,125,000
14. SAN DIEGO	250	3,750,000
15. SAN FRANCISCO	120	2,300,000
16. SAN JOAQUIN	120	1,000,000
17. SAN LUIS OBISPO	200	1,000,000
18. SANTA BARBARA	100	1,500,000
19. SANTA CRUZ	30	420,000
20. SHASTA	60	850,000
21. SONOMA	75	1,250,000
22. STANISLAUS	330	3,500,000
23. TEHAMA	75	800,000
24. TRI-CITY*	100	1,000,000
25. TUOLOMNE	12	50,000
26. VENTURA	65	1,000,000
TOTAL	4,687	\$54,850,000

* Cities that operate independent public mental health programs.